

DELEGATE CORN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of the motion, which is to accept item number three as read--

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm not going to recognize another point of order. When I recognized you before, you didn't have one.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: We have not closed debate on this section. If delegates wish to be recognized for debate, they should be so recognized. I wish to make a comment on this motion to adopt this section before it's adopted.

Am I recognized?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That's a proper point of order. Delegate Schrag, go ahead.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I intend to vote for this section. In doing so, I want to state my understanding that as written this section says what Mr. Jordan says it says. It was the intention of the committee that wrote it that the president is a non-voting ex officio member. An amendment to it was defeated, leaving the original language and leaving Mr. Jordan's original expressed intention intact. To change the

intention of this, we would have to pass the type of motion that Delegate Harris made and withdrew. So, Delegate Jordan's interpretation stands, and I accept that and will vote for the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are we ready to vote?

["Yes" and "No" responses from delegates]

DELEGATE JACKSON: Call the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been called.

All those in favor--

DELEGATE CORN: I'd like to speak against the motion.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Ah, what are we voting on?

DELEGATE JORDAN: We are voting on section three as it is on the report of the committee without any amendments to it.

DELEGATE CORN: I'd like to speak against it.

DELEGATE JORDAN: The question has been called.

DELEGATE JONES: Second.

DELEGATE JORDAN: There has been a call for the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of cutting off debate, signify by raising your hands. [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Twenty-three.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Two opposed.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstained? [One
abstention]

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

Delegate Jordan, are you ready for the next item?

DELEGATE JORDAN: No. Mr. Chair we have to vote--

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of order, yes. Which
delegate was recognized when the question was called?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't remember now. The
fact of the matter is that someone was.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: The point of order that I'm
making is that for a question to be called, somebody must
actually be recognized to call a question, not just call out
from the delegates.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The response on that is that
someone was recognized by the chair in the midst of commotion.
The chair does not remember who it was.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: My point of order is that
nobody was actually recognized. It was just called out from

the delegation here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm afraid I have to agree with you.

Mr. Jordan, item number four?

DELEGATE JORDAN: No, we have to go to number three. We have to vote on the main motion, Mr. Chair.

A DELEGATE: As is.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, as is. We're now voting on section three without any amendments.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor, please signify by raising your hands. [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Twenty-three.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed? [Show of hand]

SECRETARY COOPER: One.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstained? [One abstention]

Item number three is adopted. Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chair, I move section four.

DELEGATE CORN: No, wait a minute. Special order takes precedent.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Gloria, who is going to run this meeting, you or the president?

A DELEGATE: The president is going to run this

meeting.

DELEGATE JORDAN: We voted earlier today--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, it would help a lot if each of us--and that isn't only you--would get recognition and please refrain from shouting out to whomever happens to be speaking. There happens not to be two-thirds of the membership here at this time anyway.

Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I move section four of the report with any amendments.

DELEGATE MARCUS: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that section four be adopted without amendments. Discussion?

DELEGATE MARCUS: Question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Question?

DELEGATE MARCUS: Yes. Mr. Jordan, the intention of this section, as I understand, is that the convention itself will vote on the chairpeople of that particular committee.

DELEGATE JORDAN: That's correct.

DELEGATE MARCUS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor of adopting

item number four as read, signify by saying, "Aye."

[Response]

Opposed? [Response]

Abstained? [No abstentions]

Motion carries.

Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chair, I would like to move section five with any amendments.

DELEGATE MARCUS: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that section five be adopted as written. Any discussion?

Those in favor, signify by saying, "Aye."

[Response]

Those opposed? [Silence]

Abstained? [No abstentions]

Motion carries.

DELEGATE CORN: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information.

DELEGATE CORN: Is that what the law says, that they will serve without compensation?

DELEGATE JORDAN: We're debating an issue we've already passed.

DELEGATE CORN: I know. I'm asking a question.

Is that what the law says?

DELEGATE JORDAN: The law is silent on this issue.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I know that you want to know, but there's a proper procedure. That point of information is before the vote. We've passed that now. Item number six.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I would move section six of the committee's report with any amendments.

SEVERAL DELEGATES: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that section six be adopted. Was that with such amendments as may occur or without amendments? What did you say?

DELEGATE JORDAN: With any amendments, yes, sir. If there are going to be any amendments made, we want to adopt them.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Those in favor of the motion, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Those opposed? [Silence]

Abstained? [No abstentions]

Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move section seven of the committee's report with any amendments, if there are any.

A DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that the statehood commission shall produce a bimonthly newsletter. Discussion? Marcus.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I have a question. Is it contemplated by the committee that in fact that newsletter will be distributed through what office of the D.C. Government after the convention recesses on May 29th?

DELEGATE JORDAN: I don't understand what you mean. How is it going to be distributed?

DELEGATE MARCUS: How is it going to go out?

DELEGATE JORDAN: The commission will have money to send it out. I mean--

DELEGATE CORN: Point of order, Mr. President. There are 32 delegates here.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Let me just finish...

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, those in favor of item seven as written, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Those opposed? [Silence]

Abstained? [No abstentions]

Motion carries. Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of information.

DELEGATE JORDAN: There's a point of information.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Does bimonthly mean every

other month or twice a month?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Twice a month.

DELEGATE ROTHSCILD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move section eight of the committee report with any amendments that are made.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

DELEGATE WARREN: Second.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that item number eight be adopted with such amendments as may be in order. Delegate Mason, Delegate Kameny, Moore. Mason, Kameny, Moore.

DELEGATE H. MASON: I rise to ask a question, Mr. President. Will there be any role on the part of convention delegates in this election process?

DELEGATE JORDAN: It is not contemplated in the section that there would be any role for the convention delegates. We believe that--I could go into the discussion for it because I know Frank is going to raise the same question. We don't know how many delegates are going to be chosen by the federal government. So, it's going to be

difficult for us to set a number and receive compliance with this provision by the federal government. So, it's our intention to leave the number of the members of the statehood compact commission silent at this point and to have the president make every effort he can to find out from the appropriate federal agencies if they want to submit the names of individuals to serve on this statehood compact commission. And once we have a number, then the president will appoint a similar number from the statehood commission.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Mr. President, I move the following substitute motion: Members of the statehood compact commission from each ward shall be selected by delegates and statehood commission members from that ward.

DELEGATE CORN: Second.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Will you repeat that amendment, please.

DELEGATE JORDAN: It has been moved and seconded that that the membership of the statehood compact commission be composed of a delegate from each ward.

[Delegates respond, "No."]

DELEGATE CORN: That's not what it says.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Well, have him read it again then.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Keep in mind that has to be a substitute motion. That's not an amendment.

DELEGATE KAMENY: The substitute motion is, for number eight: Members of the statehood compact commission from each ward shall be selected by the delegates and statehood commission members from that ward.

DELEGATE JORDAN: It has been seconded. Delegate Maguire.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: I agree with the idea behind that, but there's some problems as Delegate Jordan stated. We have no guarantee that the federal government is going to appoint eight members to the compact commission. They might only appoint two. Therefore, there will be only two members from the statehood commission chosen to be on the compact commission. We can't delegate the number, okay? We cannot write in something like that. I mean, we have nothing to base it on. I'd like to respond back again to having the president appoint the compact commission. And I would hope that there is an ad hoc committee that the president appointed on the statehood commission and ad hoc committee-- statehood commission and compact commission. And I would hope that the president's commission at the time of selection of the compact commission would go again to the ad hoc

committee for their advice and study of selection of the compact commission.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Delegate Jackson.

Please, could you let Delegate Jackson speak?

DELEGATE JACKSON: I would like to speak strongly in favor of the motion. I'm not concerned with the illegality. Let the general counsel deal with that. I think that in line with what Mayor Barry said, if we want a democratic process here, let's start it right now. I think the best way to do this is to allow the delegates from those wards who are alleged to have a way to participate in this process.

Also as I look down the list, I'll be quite frank. You know, I couldn't go with this. So, I'm just saying as a delegate here the delegates from the wards can have their own representatives and those who have participated in the process. Thank you.

[At this point First Vice President Baldwin assumed the chair.]

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The president is out of the chair. So, the president would like to speak.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: When it is my turn.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: In due turn.

[At this point Delegate Jordan assumed the chair.]

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Okay, we have Delegate Long, Delegate Shelton, and the president, Cassell.

DELEGATE LONG: I think there's some confusion here. At least I'm confused. The legislation--that is, the initiative--does not say anything about people being appointed from any wards. There is no ward requirement. Some of the remarks seem to be going to section nine, which talks about the other commission, not the compact commission. I just wanted to say that because I think things are confused. The size of this commission, as pointed out by Delegate Maguire, depends upon what happens with the federal government. And I wish that we would remain flexible as possible. This is going to be a highly technical group of people. They are going to have to deal with boundaries and all such transition questions. And I think I'm in favor of the motion that's on the floor so that he can select those people most highly qualified without regard to where they happen to live in the District.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Delegate Shelton.

DELEGATE SHELTON: I yield my time to the president.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'd like to remind us of what the statehood initiative says. What is the statehood

commission? What is its function? What is the statehood compact commission and what is its function? Why are they there in the first place? The people who framed the statehood initiative believed that after a constitution was written , or even before, it would be necessary to educate the public so that people knew what it was all about and generate support for it, support through understanding. And they suggested that there should be a commission whose job it would be to educate and publicize. They suggested that it be representative. And the representative method that they selected was that it be selected by the wards, each of the eight wards. In their wisdom, they decided that it should be 24. So, that means three to be selected from each ward. Now, this ad hoc committee has come up with a means of implementing the law as it is written in a very democratic fashion. And that is that a means shall be devised for having the ward caucuses select the three members of each of those ward delegations. You have a statehood commission.

In addition to that, they felt there should be some group of people who were not politically oriented or people who were tied specifically to community responsibilities. This was a technical group of people who would arrange for the transition of authority. And the people in

that activity would be people who, first of all, had some kind of influence within this committee and some technical understanding. For that reason, it says that the statehood compact commission shall be drawn from the statehood commission, which gives its own integrity. It says also that a like number shall be appointed by the federal government. It does not say that we have to wait to see what the federal government does. The federal government does not have a role in this other than to respond. If in our wisdom we decided that the statehood compact commission should be the same size as the commission, we would be within the law. The idea is to make it more wieldy. It could be two, it could be eight; they may decide to draw one from each of the wards. But the function of that is not a group of people who are democratically elected anymore than when we hired our executive secretary. We didn't vote on that. It's the responsibility of your executive committee to find somebody who's competent to do the work, and it would be most inappropriate to vote on who's going to be your executive secretary or research coordinator.

So, I think that this amendment is ill-considered. I think also we need to think rather carefully about the tendency to try to limit authority in those that you elect

to do work that is important and also to do work that really ought to be done by executive fiat by people who are trying to get the service and the technical service that they want. This is not a democratic procedure. It's not for democracy anymore than you hire a lawyer or anybody else. We're going to hire a general counsel. We're certainly not going to go out and vote on that.

My suggestion is that this motion is ill-considered and that it should be defeated, and that the president--who happens to be your chief executive officer--unabashedly thinks that he ought to make that selection and make it very, very clearly and make it very quickly. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Delegate Thomas.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mr. President, I would like to speak against what you just said. I think we as delegates should have input into that process. In the other commission already we only have an opportunity to select two people from the wards. And what you are telling me now is that with the president making these selections, then we don't have no input in the process at all. And I think we as delegates and know the laws should have some input in. So, I would like to speak against what you just said.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Can I just say one thing,

Mr. Thomas? The membership of the statehood compact commission will be composed of or come from--let's do it this way--members who are selected from the statehood commission. So, it's not going to give a chance to put some additional members in there. And in listening to your point, I guess you--at least I got the opinion that you were saying that some additional people from the ward will be able to come. That's not true. You'll have to draw from the 24 members on the statehood commission to get the membership for your statehood compact commission.

DELEGATE HOLMES: I call for the question,
Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Second.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Delegate Charlotte Holmes.

DELEGATE HOLMES: I call for the question,
Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: The question has been called for and seconded. The motion says that members of the statehood compact commission from each ward shall be selected by the delegates and statehood commission members from that ward. Can I just make this point? Would you like for me to read this again? Theresa, you want to hear what I'm saying. It says: Members of the statehood compact commission

from each ward shall be selected by the delegate and statehood commission members from that ward.

There has been a move to cut off debate. I guess the easiest way to do it is by hand. So, could all of those who are in favor of cutting off debate indicate by raising your hand? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Twenty-two.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: All those who are opposed to cutting off debate, would you please indicate by raising your hand. [No hands raised]

Any abstentions? [Two abstentions]

There's one abstention, two abstentions.

The motion to cut off debate passed 22 to zero, with two abstentions. We're back to the main motion now. All of those in favor--

DELEGATE CORN: Of the substitute motion.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: I mean, the substitute motion, right. All of those in favor of the substitute motion--

DELEGATE HARRIS: Restate the substitute, please, for the delegates.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: The substitute motion says: Members of the statehood compact commission from each ward shall be selected by the delegates and statehood commission

members from that ward. All who are supportive of this substitute amendment, please indicate by raising your hands.

[Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Twelve.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Twelve.

Opposed? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Nineteen.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Nineteen.

Any abstentions? [No abstentions]

Then the substitute amendment fails. We are back to the main motion which was to adopt section eight as it reads. Jan Eichhorn.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: I would like to suggest that there is some merit to both points of view we've heard here today that could be corrected by a motion I'd like to propose for debate at least: that we amend this section to read, "Members of the statehood compact commission shall be appointed by the president of the D.C. Statehood Constitutional Convention with the approval of the delegation."

DELEGATE MARCUS: Second.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: There is a motion on the floor that has been introduced by Delegate Eichhorn. It was seconded by Delegate Marcus. Delegate Eichhorn, could you

read the...

DELEGATE EICHORN: Members of the statehood compact commission shall be appointed by the president of the convention with the approval of the convention.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: She has added the phrase "with the approval of the convention." Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE BARNES: I go back to the point the president of the convention made. I think there is just a misunderstanding, and we are focusing on number eight with concern for number nine. Therefore, I am strongly opposed to this amendment as proposed.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Delegate Graham, and then Marcus and Corn.

DELEGATE GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to that motion because it seems to me that this is the time that we should show that we have trust and respect for our president. We are already selecting people for the commission which is made up of 24 people; he's going to get the best skills possible that would carry out the responsibilities of the compact commission, it seems to me, from these 24 that we select. And I go along with what is down here for number eight.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Delegate Marcus, then Delegate

Corn and Delegate Jackson.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I rise to speak in favor of the motion. While I understand Mr. Barnes' point, I think that I understand as well as the rest of the delegates at this point understand that item number eight speaks directly to the statehood compact commission. While I do in fact have faith that the president of the convention will make every effort to choose the most qualified people for appointment to the compact commission, too many of us feel as if we have been left out of the mainstream of administrative decision-making in terms of this convention. I think that by ratification of the members of the compact commission, we bring back into the administration of this convention the members of the delegation. I for one would like to know who is going to represent my interest with regard to the federal government. So, I'd urge my fellow delegates to vote in favor of Delegate Eichhorn's amendment. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: I would like to amend Delegate Eichhorn's substitute motion so that it reads: Members of the statehood compact commission shall be appointed by the president of the D.C. Statehood Constitutional Convention with the approval of the delegation from that ward--so that

if in fact eight people are chosen, one from each ward--

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: You are debating it before you got a second. Do we have a second to that?

DELEGATE THOMAS: Second.

DELEGATE CORN: The reason I would speak for that motion is as follows. While it's true that under number nine each--could I please have quiet?

A DELEGATE: No. [Delegates laugh.]

DELEGATE CORN: I won't walk out, but I am going to the front. [Delegate Corn walks to the lecturn.]

I respectfully request your respect in hearing me out. I would speak for my amended version of Delegate Eichhorn's motion for the following reasons. Regardless of how bright or capable or how much trust we may have in the president, no president of the United States has complete authority without check from the legislature. In essence, we are like the legislature to the executive branch. That's number one.

Number two, in any governmental body that gives complete trust to one person, regardless of who that person is, whether it was Charlie Cassell or Hilda Mason, it would make no difference to me. I feel very strongly that we all should have checks. Now, while we'll be able from each ward

to pick two other people, supposing it turns out that of those three people from each ward it turns out that when they start working you really see that one of them never does any work, one of them is disruptive, but one of them really is very good. Wouldn't you want a say on which one of those three is going to be chosen? I urge you to vote for my amended version.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: You just heard from an expert on disruption. [Delegates laugh.]

DELEGATE CORN: Point of personal privilege. That is uncalled for and outrageous.

CHAIRMAN JORDAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE H. MASON: Thank you, Delegate Jordan. I rise to...

DELEGATE CORN: Hilda Mason has the floor.

DELEGATE H. MASON: I rise to support the motion as made by Delegate Jordan. If my information is correct the compact commission members will be selected from the statehood commission. Therefore, the ward people will have had a chance to have some say. Is that true? So, if we select good statehood commission members ourselves, then certainly the president should be able from that reservoir of people to select people to serve on the compact commission. I would

hope that since we have a lot of hard work to do--enough to keep us here for hours and hours--and this is an issue that is not that crucial since we will be the ones deciding on the statehood commission, that giving the president that little power to name some people to serve on the compact commission along with the people who are going to be appointed by the federal government--may I just say, Mr. President, that I am all choked up because of smoke in this room. I can hardly talk because of the smoke in this room. There is a law in the District of Columbia--and I have to say it, Mr. President--because people even smoked during the hearings in the District Building. And I can't understand how people who are writing the constitution would consciously break the law of the state for which they're writing the constitution. Thank you, Mr. President.

DELEGATE JONES: I associate myself with Delegate--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: [Rapping gavel] Let me interfere here at this point. There not only is a District law, but we have an accepted rule here that for the convenience and the good health of us all that we do not smoke in the room. I would ask anybody who must smoke, if you see that smoke is blowing back into the room as you're standing in the doorway, please, you must step outside far enough away

that the smoke blows the other way. That applies to everybody, and please respect that.

[At this point President Cassell resumed the chair.]

Now, let's see where we are, Delegate Jordan.

There is an amendment on the floor, Delegate Corn's amendment?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: And Delegate Corn's amendment is to have the president and the ward delegation make the decision regarding--

DELEGATE CORN: No, that isn't what I said. The president appoints with the approval of the delegation of that ward.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, as long as you're not in the room...

DELEGATE CORN: Okay, I'm in the room now. And my amendment was that the president appoints with the approval of the ward delegation.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, thank you for the correction. The amendment on the floor is that the president make the appointment of the members of the compact commission with the approval of the ward delegation concerned.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Delegate Norman Nixon.

DELEGATE NIXON: Mr. President, I would like to speak against Delegate Eichhorn's motion, and I would like to--

DELEGATE MARCUS: Point of order.

DELEGATE NIXON: I would like to speak against Delegate Corn's amended motion. I would like to offer an amendment to the motion as to say that the members of the statehood compact commission shall be appointed by the president of the D.C. Statehood Constitutional Convention with consultation of members of the particular ward or whatever. With consultation. I would like to offer that wording.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

DELEGATE SHELTON: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded, a second amendment that Delegate Corn's motion be amended to say that the president shall appoint the members of the compact commission with consultation with the members of the ward concerned.

DELEGATE CORN: Point of order. Point of order. Under the rules--point of order. Under the rules--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, don't you think

really that I should recognize you?

DELEGATE CORN: Under point of order you don't have to under our rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Oh, yes, you do. Yes, you do.

DELEGATE CORN: That's not what the rules say.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, just a little lecture now. [Rapping gavel] Just a little instructional lecture. If 45 people demanded the point of order, the president couldn't possibly recognize them all. So, you have to be recognized, right?

DELEGATE CORN: But that's what the rules say, Mr. Cassell.

SECRETARY COOPER: Where do they say it?

DELEGATE CORN: Okay, under point of order. Look on the chart. Just a minute. Under point of order it says--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, you are out of order. Please be quiet. There is a discipline that you have to follow.

DELEGATE BARNES: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE BARNES: I would like to suggest that the amendment made by Delegate Nixon is actually a substitute amendment to the Corn amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You're saying that Delegate Nixon's amendment to Corn's amendment--

DELEGATE BARNES: Is indeed a substitute motion in that it changes the nature of Corn's amendment.

DELEGATE NIXON: May I make a substitute motion, Mr. President?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Delegate Nixon has said he wants a substitute motion. Delegate Shelton seconded it. Are you still willing to offer second to Delegate Nixon's substitute motion?

DELEGATE SHELTON: Of course, yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It looks like we've got a lot of confusion between the two of us trying to chair the meeting. May I see if I can conduct this and let you respond to questions and make clarifications?

[Rapping gavel] All right, there has been a challenge to the last motion. I accept the challenge. Delegate Nixon's motion is really a different motion. It's not an amendment. Therefore, that motion is out of order.

DELEGATE NIXON: No problem. No problem. I'll withdraw it. With the consent of the body, I'd like to

withdraw it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Delegate Eichhorn, Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Therefore, how can Mr. Nixon's motion be entertained? We would have to defeat the other motions on the floor; is that correct?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It can't be entertained once it's ruled out of order.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: If the other motions on the floor are defeated, then it would be in order; is that correct?

SECRETARY COOPER: No. There is no longer any motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion on the floor is Delegate Corn's motion to amend. Does everybody remember what that is?

SECRETARY COOPER: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor of Delegate Corn's motion, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Those opposed? [Response]

Abstained? [No abstentions]

Motion loses. We're back to the original motion.

DELEGATE CORN: No, to Jan Eichhorn's motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, we're back to the first amendment now, the amendment of Delegate Eichhorn; and that is to authorize the president to appoint, with the approval of the delegates in the convention. Is that correct?

SECRETARY COOPER: Yes, that's correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Discussion?

DELEGATE JACKSON: Am I to understand that this means a majority of delegates? Is this the understanding or is it not the understanding?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It could be no other way, sir.

DELEGATE JACKSON: It could be two-thirds, it could be three-fourths, it could be many ways, Mr. Cassell.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It not having been stated, it would have to be the same as any other rule, and that is majority.

DELEGATE JACKSON: I asked you a question. Okay, Mr. Chair.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mr. Jackson, our rule says a majority.

DELEGATE CORN: It would be a simple majority.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Our rule says a simple majority.

DELEGATE JACKSON: Okay, all right. That's all I wanted to know. Thank you. Now, may I speak on that,

Mr. Chair?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, you may.

DELEGATE JACKSON: First of all, I resent the idea that any time anyone wants to participate in something it's a usurpation of the president's authority. The president does not get authority by appointing. The president gets authority by action at the convention. So, that argument really has no merit because people would prefer to participate in it. So, I think that is something that is quite incorrect.

Secondly, though I do not agree with Mrs. Holmes' motion, the fact is that anybody--the president or nominations of key personnel are subject to the confirmation of the majority. So it is with Senate confirmations for any key post or anything else. If that be the case, I think we have no reason to go any different. And this is not anything that confronts the president. When the president is approving himself, whatever, authority is done by leading the convention. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are you speaking for or against Delegate Eichhorn's motion?

DELEGATE JACKSON: I'm speaking strongly in favor of it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of Delegate

Eichhorn's motion, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Those opposed? [Response]

Division of the house. Those in favor, signify by raising your hands. [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Eight.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Twenty.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstained? [No abstentions]
Motion carries.

SECRETARY COOPER: Failed.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I beg your pardon. Motion fails. We're back to the original motion, and that is number eight as written. Those in favor of number eight as written, based on the motion of the chair of the committee, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Those opposed? [Response]

Those abstaining? [No abstentions]

Motion carries.

Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chair, I'd like to move section 9-A.

DELEGATE MARCUS: Second.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We're taking them ad seriatim.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Take A separate from B.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move section 9-A of the committee's report with any amendments that are made.

DELEGATE CORN: Second.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Point of order, Mr. Chair, Mr. President. That is the law. It's not anything we can debate here. We should move on to B.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The chair rules that Delegate Eichhorn is correct. However, the motion has been offered. There's no reason why we shouldn't vote on it. All of those in favor of section 9-A, signify by saying--

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Is there discussion, Mr. President? I have a question. Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, there can be discussion, yes. Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Thank you. Mr. President, do you assume that the 24 members will be non-delegates to the statehood commission?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, I don't assume that.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Is the question directed to the

committee?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: All right, to the committee. Do you assume that the 24 members will be non-delegates?

DELEGATE JORDAN: That is not contained in this section. There is no assumption that they will or will not be delegates in section A.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: If there are delegates to the convention that are members of this commission, then they would not be able to work on it until after the convention; is that correct?

DELEGATE JORDAN: That is a decision that you'd have to make later on.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Has that been discussed, Delegate Jordan, in your committee? Has that question been addressed?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Which one? Whether delegates can be appointed? Yes, sir, it has been discussed. I mean, that's not the question he's asking.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mr. Jordan, I'm sure that Delegate Mason will agree with me there should be no debate regarding something that has been legislated by the City Council, and there's no point in taking 10 or 15 minutes to discuss 9-A; 9-A has been legislated, and any discussion is

out of order.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Is a point of information out of order?

DELEGATE BALDWIN: The wording says shall, and all of us know what shall is. It didn't say may. It says shall. So, will you proceed, Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Is a point of information out of order?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information, Moore and then Thomas.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: I was just asking--

DELEGATE JORDAN: I'm saying--Theresa, if you will let me try to deal with it--I'm saying that we have not included or precluded or excluded delegates from serving. I mean, that's the issue.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Does the committee recommend one way or the other?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Brian, there's another section C where you can argue that point.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, I'm going to move on, and I'm going to rule any further discussion of this out of order since it is the law. The law is quite specific in this regard.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mr. President, if it is the law, if the law gives the committee authority to appoint the people who they have already appointed on it, we did not have any opportunity to have any process in this whole situation. I argued about it the first day I saw it; I argued about it now. I think the ward people should have some input in the process of the selection.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Delegate Thomas, that would be in 9-B, 9-B.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Well, you already picked people--

DELEGATE BALDWIN: No, no; 9-B is when you'll have a chance to address that, 9-B.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Thomas, let me remind you and everybody let's pay close attention. Delegate Thomas, the president would like to speak to you, sir, if I can get your attention.

DELEGATE THOMAS: I'm sorry. Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: These are recommendations. Nobody has been appointed. These are the recommendations about a process, and we've been debating that process and making decisions in convention. And the issue that you're

concerned with is the next one. No arbitrary decisions have been made. You're making them right now.

DELEGATE THOMAS: I'm sorry if I was out of order. I have no problem.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mr. Jordan, proceed with 9-A, please.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, the only thing we can do on 9-A is to vote for it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think there has been enough debate on this now. Can we vote?

DELEGATE THOMAS: Call for the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, all those in favor of cutting off debate, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Opposed? [Silence]

Abstained? [No abstentions]

Are you ready for the question? The question is: to adopt 9-A. All those in favor of adopting 9-A, signify by saying, "Aye." [Response]

Opposed? [Silence]

Abstained? [No abstentions]

Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of order. Point of

order. I realize that--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Wait a minute now. I thought I made it very clear that we all have to be recognized. Hey, have you got it right? Delegate Rothschild.

DELEGATE ROTHSCCHILD: Yes. I recognize that the convention wants to move along in an orderly fashion--procedure--with its business. However, I think it's a very bad precedent for the chair to be determining when the call of the question is to be voted on. So, I would like to recommend again that that should come from the floor, not the chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't remember that happening.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. President, I'd like to move section 9-B of the committee's report with any amendments.

DELEGATE EICHORN: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

DELEGATE EICHORN: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that 9-B be adopted by this convention. Oulahan, Eichhorn, Moore, Barnes.

DELEGATE OULAHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that section 9-B and -C be amended as follows: delete section B--

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Take B, one at a time.

Mr. Oulahan, please deal with 9-B.

DELEGATE OULAHAN: All right, sorry. Delete paragraph 9-B. The reason--well, I have to get a second.

DELEGATE MARCUS: Second.

DELEGATE OULAHAN: The reasons, Mr. President, are--

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that 9--go ahead.

DELEGATE OULAHAN: B be deleted, Mr. President. The reasons for the motion are that if 9-B is deleted, I would then propose that the number of delegates to be appointed in paragraph C be changed from two to three. That's reason why I have the two together.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that item 9-B be deleted. Any further discussion? Delegate Eichhorn.

DELEGATE EICHORN: I would like to try to discuss the rational for this recommendation, which is only a recommendation. There has been a lot of talk about appointments having been made, and that is not the case. I was a member of this ad hoc committee. We thought that there were

several important factors to consider. One was that the commission was a way for us to expand the base of people actively involved in this effort by bringing in some persons outside of the delegation, not precluding delegates from serving, but strengthening our effort by bringing in some persons--maybe 24, maybe less--from outside of the delegation. By making it a committee of this convention, we are a more important body.

In terms of the membership, we felt that we needed some political leadership of this city represented on the commission and that the compact commission would need the political leadership at least represented. We're talking about the mayor, certainly the delegate to Congress. This commission is responsible not only for educating this community, but eventually it becomes our lobbying arm. We saw the importance of having the heads of political parties serving on the commission.

If we were to recommend to this body that the mayor, the delegate, and the heads of political parties be members of the commission, which was our view, we are speaking of one representative from each of five wards. Therefore, we decided to recommend that each ward give up a slot for citywide political leadership or another person in

the case of the three wards that did not have as residents the mayor or the delegate or the chair of a political party. And in those instances some consideration was given to the fact that women are underrepresented in this body, that there were other categories within the community that were not well represented at this body such as business, head of the Central Labor Council, citywide educators, and so forth; and the persons who were recommended for the other three wards fit into those categories.

This is a recommendation for your consideration, but I think it is important for you to know where it came from, what was behind it, and to give some thought to whether or not you think that has some merit. Thank you.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Delegate Brian Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: I pass.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE BARNES: I'd like to make a substitute motion, if that is in order.

DELEGATE HARRIS: That is in order.

DELEGATE BARNES: I would like to replace the language with eight members of the statehood commission will be selected by the president and ratified by the at-large delegates of the convention. And the reason that I'm making

this motion goes back to part B here which would give some delegates from some wards more control--

SECRETARY COOPER: There hasn't been a second.

DELEGATE BARNES: --over their representatives as opposed to other members.

SECRETARY COOPER: Point of order.

DELEGATE BARNES: In order to make things in more of a fair distribution, I make that motion.

[First Vice President Baldwin assumed the chair at 2:50 p.m.]

SECRETARY COOPER: Point of order, Mr. President. The motion hasn't been seconded.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Was there a second, Mr. Barnes, to your motion? Was there a second to your motion?

DELEGATE NIXON: Second.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: It has been seconded; so, it's on the floor.

DELEGATE CORN: Could we have it explained? I'm not clear on the difference between that and what exists.

DELEGATE BARNES: Okay, my feeling is this, that unless the president has chosen these eight members, that he has some flexibility above this list here and also that the at-large people have their involvement in terms of ratifying

the list of eight members. That way there can be more flexibility in the choice. And my question would be whether this list was developed by the president or by the committee or whatever.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Cooper.

SECRETARY COOPER: I'd like to speak against the Barnes substitute motion and in support of the previous motion that was on the floor.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Cooper, it isn't necessary for you to speak in support of previous motions. That's action past. You may speak in opposition to the amended motion that's on the floor.

Mr. Barnes, they aren't really clear about your motion. Can you state exactly what you are amending? You mentioned eight, and I'm not sure where you got eight from.

DELEGATE BARNES: Okay, there are eight positions under B, 9-B. I'm saying that the president appoint those positions and that they have to be approved by the caucus of at-large delegates.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: That's the same as the motion. They are recommending that those eight people be. Are just saying not vote on them but just let the--

DELEGATE BARNES: Then I'm saying that they would

be ratified by the at-large delegates.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Point of information.

DELEGATE HARRIS: No, the amendment to the motion is not that. It's to delete it.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Can I ask a point of information?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The original motion--Delegate Oulahan says let's delete B. Now, if you're coming up with an additional motion, the exception to that, if once you delete it, it would be either a substitute motion--it would have to be a substitute motion because you can't amend it because he's saying let's delete it. But we're trying to find out exactly what your motion is.

DELEGATE BARNES: It's a substitute motion.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: To appoint rather than let the delegates elect those eight?

DELEGATE BARNES: Yes, exactly, that the president will appoint the eight members, and those eight people would be ratified by the at-large delegates.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Okay.

DELEGAT EICHHORN: Point of information. Is that to eliminate the role of the at-large delegates with the ward caucuses?

DELEGATE BARNES: Yes, it is.

DELEGATE EICHORN: I thought that's what you said. I think that's the distinction.

DELEGATE BARNES: That's the intent.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The intent of Delegate Barnes' motion is that the president will elect the eight members, one from each ward, instead of what 9-B reads, that the following will be members of the statehood commission and constitute one ward selection. He just wanted to say appoint; just let the president appoint those eight.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of inquiry, please.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Does your motion mean that the president should appoint or elect or select these people, these specific people?

DELEGATE BARNES: If that's the wish of the president, they will be appointed.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Can I speak to that? I think, Mr. Chairman, that the names that are listed here, as indicated by Jan Eichhorn, are listed for a very important reason. And that is to make certain that of each of the three members from each ward, you have people who have been identified with the movement, people who have influence, people who have knowledge and who can provide some sort of

substantive assistance. The names have been selected for that reason. I don't have any problem with any of the names. And, therefore, I would think that the convention should decide that these are the kinds of people that they should have on that and make their own determination. I don't personally want to appoint people to this commission. I think the people should select them themselves, the delegates might select them. This looks like a good list. If indeed there's somebody here who doesn't want to serve or somebody here who, as it turns out, doesn't support statehood--and perhaps it should be others--but the intent to get at least one of those persons as an individual who would be very helpful in the education and in the enhancement of the vote is, I think, a worthy one.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: So, I think it is very clear to the maker of the motion that the president does not want to appoint those eight. He'd rather leave it to the delegation.

DELEGATE BARNES: Then I withdraw my motion.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Thank you. Delegate Thomas and Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mr. President, I'm Harry Thomas from Ward 5. And I'm saying again that I don't think Miss Eichhorn, what she said, has any right at all going into

Ward 5 and appointing anybody. If she had come to us first for our advice, I might agree with her. I have no problem with Mrs. McKenzie. And I noticed that all the people that they have picked, there is nobody on this list from labor. They could jump on us. So, I resent what the committee did as far as appointment and the process and the whole thing. I want to make it very clear that the delegates from each ward should have input into who was selected from that ward. And I have a problem, Miss Eichhorn, with your going into Ward 5 picking anybody and coming here and telling me that's what you want because we in Ward 5 don't agree with that.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: There are a lot of hands held up. The parliamentarian is asking that when you speak, you speak to the motion on the floor. The motion on the floor is to delete 9-B. Mr. Moore. Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE T. MOORE: Point of information. Moore from Ward 5. Have the personnel indicated in B been notified and will they accept? That's a mere point of information? Because we don't want to select someone without their indicating that they're going to serve and serve faithfully.

DELEGATE JORDAN: This list is contingent upon their acceptance. If they don't accept, then we go back to the process again of having--trying to field someone--

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Long, Delegate Brian Moore, and Delegate Cooper. Keep in mind, please, the motion on the floor is the deletion of 9-B. You should either be speaking in favor of it or against it.

DELEGATE T. MOORE: Mr. Vice President, I wanted to hear what Mr. Jordan was saying when you cut him off, sir.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: I'm sorry. Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: No, I just said that it is contingent upon their acceptance. If they do not accept, then the process will have to go over again, and you'll look for people in other areas. You still would need someone there from education. If you could find someone from Ward 5 in education or--

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The motion on the floor is the deletion of the nine recommended people from the wards. Delegate Brian Moore and Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE LONG: I wish to speak against the deletion. The initiative says that the people must be selected by residents in wards. The selection process, however, is not stipulated in the legislation. Essentially the exercise we're going through here is allowing all of the delegates to pick one-third of this commission, and then each ward delegation would pick two-thirds by themselves. When

I went down this list and after a lot of soul searching, I believe that this list that's proposed is an excellent list. It's the kind of list that we need to get the job done. All of us should have a say in some of this commission. And by voting against this motion to delete, we can then move to adopt this group of eight people as a group. Then we had the option in the wards of selecting two other people. There are at-large considerations in the District of Columbia, people that are recognized as being citywide powers in the city. This list contains a good group of those people.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: That's one against. Do we hear one for? Delegate Marcus.

SECRETARY COOPER: You didn't recognize Brian Moore.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: I'm sorry.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I rise to speak in favor of deletion of this particular section. I think that one of the things that's important for us to remember is that all of us are aware of the kinds of people that live in our wards. We're aware of the kinds of work they're capable of doing, and are aware of the at-large considerations. However, when we're talking about a statehood commission, we're talking about educating people of the District in regard to the

constitution and the statehood process. I want to see people who are able to relate to the people in their wards, who are chosen by people in their wards, with consideration given to who is going to be willing to work in those wards. This may or may not be a fine list. I have some problems with the people on this particular list, with some of the people on this particular list. But there's only a couple of them that I am aware of who have dedicated a significant amount of time to the process of statehood. And I think that those people in the wards are people who are going to be able to determine who is able to do that and who has done that in the past. I speak strongly in favor of deletion of this particular section. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Brian Moore and then Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move to amend the motion on the floor to read as follows: that the ad hoc committee on the statehood commission solicit three recommendations from each ward and then after they receive those recommendations, they make a decision as to who would be the representative from each ward. That way it would entail both things. It would get input from the ward, and yet the commission would have the overview of being able

to decide what categories are needed.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: That's not really an amendment. Just call it a substitute motion.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: All right, a substitute motion then.

SEVERAL DELEGATES: Second.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: It has been moved and properly seconded that the special committee, rather than ad hoc, that the special committee seek suggestion, did you say?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: That they solicit three recommendations.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Solicit three recommendations from the--

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Each ward.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Each ward.

Are you ready for the question? Those speaking unreadiness to the motion. Delegate Nixon.

DELEGATE NIXON: I would like to speak against it because all it's going to do is cause problems among the wards. And we'll be back, and it's going to take a long time before we get back to this point. So, I would like to speak against the motion.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I'd like to speak against the motion also. And I strongly suggest that--I'm empathetic with the delegation from Ward 5. If you have another person that you would like to suggest for Ward 5, I would vote for that person, even though Mrs. McKenzie is my boss in the.... But I think that's the way to do it. If you have a person on this list that you oppose, suggest another person. I don't think we should throw out everything with one particular suggestion. So, I would like to definitely speak against the particular motion and urge my fellow delegates to move along because if we are getting into a mode of bickering on the little minute issues, I can see problems coming up the following week when we have to deal with the article.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to speak against the motion of Courts Oulahan. So, I'll wait until--

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Yes, we'll have three against. Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: I wanted to speak for the Oulahan motion, if I could. And I'd like to explain one thing--

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Wait. Mrs. Corn, you are out of order. You should be speaking to the Brian Moore motion.

DELEGATE CORN: Okay, can I speak to that?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Sure.

DELEGATE CORN: Okay, I have a problem with this list or even Brian Moore's suggestion because while you might say we need somebody from education, are you going to look at this from ward boundaries or from the point of view of fields? In other words--

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Corn, he did not suggest a list. He suggested a procedure.

DELEGATE CORN: But I'm saying his procedure does not take into account--your suggestion only takes into looking at it from a ward basis as opposed to from a category basis. For instance, let's say that Ward 5 comes up with somebody from education and somebody who is the head of a political party and somebody who had been the head of a political party, somebody who had been a Council member, let's say. And another ward comes up with something where they cover one of those same bases. For instance, Vincent Reed. I don't know what ward he comes from. But he might be a tradeoff in terms of the education category from Florence McKenzie. And Vincent Reed has perhaps more influence on the Hill than Florence McKenzie has. The same perhaps with-- I'm just giving you an example of what might be considered.

The same with Walter Washington. He brought this city from no home rule to limited home rule. He did quite a bit. He's not on this list. Are you going to then say to whatever ward he comes from that you've got to pick Walter Washington in addition to Joe Butler?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Corn, your point is well taken. We have heard four against the motion. Is anyone speaking in favor of the motion?

DELEGATE NIXON: Point of information.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Nixon.

DELEGATE NIXON: I would suggest that if have any problems with people who are on the list, you have a right to delete the motion by taking his name off the list if you are so bold to do so.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Brian Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: I'm speaking in favor of my motion, and I'm glad to see that Delegate Thomas is back in the room. Just to repeat, my motion is that the special committee request or receive three recommendations from each ward as to who should be on this commission, and then the special committee make a selection. Mr. Long's statement that there's a value to select people from different parts of the city representing different interests is valid and I think

is contained in this effort, this proposal here. At the same time I think Delegate Thomas's concern about ward input is very important. So, my motion combines both concepts, the ward input plus the overview, that only a commission or only a committee can do. Each individual ward cannot have that overview of saying, "Let's get a Republican, let's get a Democrat, let's get a gay, let's get a straight," et cetera. [Delegates laugh.]

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Moore--

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Excuse my--anyway, therefore, I feel that my motion is a compromise but contains elements of both concerns. And I urge my fellow delegates to vote in favor of it.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: According to our rules, we have debated properly and followed our rules. Therefore, are you ready for the question?

DELEGATE EICHHORN: I have a point of order, Mr. Chair. Mr. Moore's motion is not clear because if each ward nominates three to the ad hoc committee, does he intend that the ad hoc committee would appoint the full commission, which is 24, or just one at large? His motion should read that the ad hoc committee would--I'm not speaking in favor

of it, but I think we should clarify what his intent was-- would appoint eight members of the commission, not appoint the commission because that's 24, and I don't think he intended that.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The motion is very clear. We have followed the rules as far as debate is concerned. Therefore, we're ready to vote. Those in favor--

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Is it clarified though? Is it clear that it was only for at large--

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Yes, it is very clear, Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Those in favor of the substitute motion signify by raise of hands.

A DELEGATE: Would you please repeat it?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: There's not but one substitute motion on the floor.

A DELEGATE: Would you repeat it, please.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Will the secretary repeat the motion, please.

SECRETARY COOPER: Yes. The substitute motion by Brian Moore was that the ad hoc committee to study the statehood commission--

[At this point several delegates said they could not hear the secretary.]

Well, if you all would be quiet. The substitute motion by Brian Moore is that the ad hoc committee to study the statehood commission solicit three recommendations from the ward caucuses as to who should be selected for the commission and that that ad hoc committee make their recommendations to the body.

DELEGATE EICHHORN: For eight members of the commission.

DELEGATE D. MOORE: That was my intention.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Moore, your motion is understood by all. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor, show of hands. [Show of hand]

SECRETARY COOPER: One.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

SECRETARY COOPER: We're in the middle of a vote.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Those in favor, show of hands, please. [Show of hand]

SECRETARY COOPER: One.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Those opposed? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Nineteen.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Substitute motion by count of 19 to 1.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Point of order, Mr. President.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Yes, Mr. Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: I feel that many delegates did not vote in favor of this motion because they are unsure of whether it applied to the at-large delegates or all 24.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: You're out of order, Delegate Moore. The delegates said they understood your motion.

Delegate Cooper.

SECRETARY COOPER: I would like to speak against the Oulahan amendment and associate myself with the comments that Miss Eichhorn made earlier. I think that the list that the committee came up with was a good list if we bear in mind that some of these people may very well be selected to serve on the compact commission, and we're going to need their skills. We're going to need some of their prestige. And we're going to need them as negotiators because that's what the compact commission will be doing. They'll be negotiating on behalf of the new state. And I think if we have some unknowns or some unskilled who aren't familiar with the process that goes on on the hill or familiar with the legislative process in general, I think that can do a lot of damage if we are to get statehood. I think that there is a lot we could lose through the lack of proper negotiations.

That's why I have to speak against the Oulahan amendment.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: One against.

Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I've listened to some of the debate. In fact, I've heard one of my colleagues from Ward 5 criticize the work of the committee, and he stated that he raised this question over and over. I think it's unfair to the work of the committee to give the impression that there was no consideration of concern from the ward, and I'd just like to give some historical perspective for us to consider.

SECRETARY COOPER: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Jordan, please speak for or against the motion.

DELEGATE JORDAN: I'm speaking against Delegate Courts Oulahan's motion. I'm trying to do it through this process if I can. What I'm saying is that the delegate's motion, as I see it--well, let's do it this way. There have been certain criteria that we've heard mentioned here today such as significant support for statehood and what have you. I think that if we all in this room were to be judged by that criteria, then some of us would not be able to make it to the statehood commission.

There's another point that I think needs to be brought up though, and that is that there was representation on this ad hoc committee. And I think all of us who have the committee's report can see that almost every ward was represented. But, more specifically, there was a representative from Ward 5.

The other point I'd like to make is that this committee met four times before we ever committed to paper these concepts. Consequently, those delegates who come from the various wards had an opportunity to go back to the wards and share that information with their ward caucuses. And also it has been three weeks since we had proposed this committee's report. And if you'll remember when I stood before this august body several weeks ago, I said: If anyone had any amendments, any considerations that they wanted the committee to make, would they please bring them to the committee. And, Mr. Chair, I'd like to say that we didn't have anyone bring to us any proposed amendments to any section of this committee's report.

So, I think that Delegate Oulahan's motion would make it very difficult, to say the least, for us to get as broad a representative body as we would have in the ones being proposed by the committee. And the committee

deliberated this over an extensive period of time, and I would just hope that the delegates here would support the committees report.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: President Cassell.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I want to say this, that it seems to me that the consensus of people on both sides of this issue is that the members of the statehood commission should be people who are well known, respected, and influential in some significant segment of this community. Those are the kinds of people that we want. This committee has recommended that each ward at least select one such person, and they have recommended them.

I would submit that each one of these individuals does meet that criteria. And I don't know whether anybody would debate the fact that in Ward 1, Joe Butler, chair of the Statehood Party, has significant influence in this city and ought to be somewhere on that commission. That was a responsible selection. I've heard no debate over that. In Ward 2, Robert Carter, who is the chairperson of the Republican Party, has significant respect and influence not only within the community or a portion of the community, but possibly with the Congress and would be a useful person if he accepted and made a commitment to himself. In Ward 3

I don't think there's any debate that John Hechinger, who comes from that ward, is an influential person in a political portion of this city as well as in that committee. I think that applies to them all. It applies to Fauntroy, Floretta McKenzie, Ted Gay, Marion Barry, Etta Prather.

I've heard somebody say they have some problems. I might have some problems with a person here who belongs to a party that I don't look upon with favor. But it isn't my personal selection here. We're not supposed to be selecting these people based upon whether we like them or not or whether we have problems with them or not, but simply as to whether they would aid and abet effectively this project. You could hate somebody on here. But it would be thoroughly irresponsible to vote against somebody here because you personally hate them. You're a delegate here. And what we're supposed to be trying to do is to help to get the constitution accepted by the people as well as through the Congress. For that reason, I think that you should look at this list on that basis and with no other criteria. I am speaking strongly against the motion for those reasons.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Kameny.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Mr. President, I speak in favor of the Oulahan motion, and for the following reasons. I am

not going to quote the list that the committee came up with. I don't know all the people on it. Those I do know I think are fine people who will help us. I think, however, it's not a matter of the people; it's a matter of the process. I think what you are getting from this body--and I agree with what I sense you are getting from this body--is a sense, although I don't accuse the committee of malice, is a sense of highhandedness on the part of the committee, the feeling that things are trying to be put over upon us, which should be subjected to the democratic process and which have not been subjected to the democratic process.

Delegate Thomas's remark I think was very well taken. His ward may or may not agree, and delegates to the convention from his ward may or may not agree with the names on this list. But they were not part of the process. And that I think is the real problem. And for those reasons I feel that any effort to provide a list at this time short of a debate here which might take days on end to go over each name individually or some such process, which I am not remotely proposing, it's just not going to work, and it's a violation of fundamental democratic process. For that reason, I urge that we vote in favor of the Oulahan proposal. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Thank you. The chair has heard four against, one for.

Are you for?

DELEGATE CORN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: I'm for the Oulahan amendment, and I'll tell you why. While it's true that the people on this list might be very worthy souls, as the president has aptly pointed out, this is not a matter of personal preference or friendship. We have a public trust here, and our public trust is to see that the people on this body are going to effect the most good for our mission on the Hill. And I submit some of the people on this list are not even known on the Hill. Some very eminent and prominent people both in the community and known nationwide have been omitted such as Walter Washington, the first mayor of the city.

DELEGATE JORDAN: So, let the people in Ward 1 put him in.

DELEGATE CORN: I think he's a lot more well known and can do a lot more than Josephine Butler.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Corn, Delegate Jordan, no debate. State your point, please, so we can move on.

DELEGATE CORN: There are other people who have

been left out who are known on the Hill and in the city such as Vincent Reed. I'm sure if I gave it a lot of thought there are many others I could come up with. I don't even know what wards these people live in. It doesn't make a difference. These are national figures.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Are you for it? Delegate Blount, are you for this motion?

DELEGATE CORN: Therefore, I would urge my fellow delegates to vote against the recommendations of this committee because I feel that this committee has not carefully, thoroughly considered all the possibilities that should have been considered in terms of getting through our constitution.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Corn, your point is well taken. Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: As the delegate who is constantly trying to move this convention forward, I move the previous question.

SEVERAL DELEGATES: Second.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: It has been moved and properly seconded that at this point we'll vote on the motion. Those in favor, say, "Aye." [Response]

Opposed, "Nay." [Response]

The ayes have it. So ordered.

Will the secretary read the motion, please, so that everyone understands what is on the floor.

SECRETARY COOPER: The motion was to amend section nine by deleting paragraph D.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Those in favor--

DELEGATE KAMENY: Wait, that's incorrect--and changing two to three in section C.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: It was very clear that we couldn't deal with section C at this point. The secretary is writing the motion that's on the floor. Does everyone understand the motion that's on the floor?

DELEGATE T. MOORE: Would you repeat it, sir.

SECRETARY COOPER: The motion was by Delegate Oulahan to amend number nine by deleting paragraph B.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Those in favor, signify by a show of hands, please. [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Thirteen.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Thirteen.

Those opposed? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Sixteen.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Sixteen. Sixteen to 13 the motion is lost.

DELEGATE OULAHIAN: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Yes.

DELEGATE OULAHIAN: I noticed there were several members of the convention who were here earlier, including Harry Thomas, who were not present when the vote was taken. I think we should vote when they're here.

SECRETARY COOPER: The vote has been cast and the ballot has been cast.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Jordan, would you please proceed with 9-B.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adopt section 9-B.

SEVERAL DELEGATES: Second.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: It has been moved and properly seconded that section 9-B--Delegate Corn. Delegate Mason, Charles Mason.

DELEGATE C. MASON: I would like a little clarification from the chairperson of the committee. One is that the identification--that is, that these people are named as persons. If they should cease to hold these particular offices, they're still on the list. Is that the intent of the committee?

DELEGATE JORDAN: No, sir. If they do not accept

the appointment--

DELEGATE C. MASON: That's not my question. I said after each name you have a description of who that person is, which is fine. I am simply asking the question to the chair whether the intent is that these people are named as persons and even though they should cease to hold these particular offices, their name is still on the list. Say, three weeks from now somebody other than Joe Butler were to become chair of the Statehood Party. Joe Butler would still be on this list?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir.

DELEGATE C. MASON: I just wanted it clear that that is the case. The words after the names are purely for identification and we're not making automatically whoever chairs the Statehood Party....

The other question is to point out that in at least two cases there are misspellings of the names, which I think the committee in editing it will perform those corrections.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The point of clarification was that, Are you dealing with names or representation of organization? And the response was: we're dealing with

names, as you see, under 9-B.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Point of information.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Harris.

DELEGATE HARRIS: If for any reason one of these persons moves out of their ward, since they're listed by ward, would they then be replaced by another person within that ward?

DELEGATE JORDAN: They would have to be.

DELEGATE HARRIS: How would that be done?

DELEGATE JORDAN: You'd have to tell them that they're removed from it, and the ward then would go through a process of getting another person.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The committee, I would imagine, would just put another name.

DELEGATE JORDAN: I mean, the ad hoc committee would involve itself in the process of coming up with another name if it's one of these eight.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Would they consult the ward in this?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Pardon?

DELEGATE HARRIS: Would they then consult the ward?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Graham.

DELEGATE GRAHAM: Maybe we could encourage them, if they accept, to remain in that ward for the three years.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I call for the question.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Move the previous question.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The previous question has been asked for.

DELEGATE CORN: What is the previous question?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: We accept 9-B.

DELEGATE CORN: Sir, point of order. I was not recognized. According to the rules, you can request a roll call vote before, during, or after a vote. And I'd like to request a roll call vote on the Oulahan question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You know, it's very hard to speak to you because you won't listen. Please address your remarks to the chair.

DELEGATE CORN: I thought you were the chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, I'm not the chair. I'm the president.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: You cannot request a roll call after the question has been voted on, especially when it was 19-13.

DELEGATE CORN: It was voted down, wasn't it?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Yes, by 19-13.

SECRETARY COOPER: No, 13-16.

DELEGATE CORN: But you can request a roll call under the rules before, during, or immediately afterwards. But you did not call on me immediately afterwards. I'm sorry, I thought Mr. Cassell was acting in his role as president.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: There has been a call for the question.

DELEGATE CORN: And I would like a roll call vote, if I am supported by four other people. Would you call out and ask if I am supported by four other people, please.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The question has been called for. Those in favor of the question, signify by a show of hands.

SEVERAL DELEGATES: What's the question?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: The call for the question, cutting off debate on 9-B. [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Seventeen.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Seventeen.

Those opposed? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Two.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Two.

We shall now vote on 9-B. Those in favor of 9-B, signify by a show of hands.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Accepting all of 9-B?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Pardon?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Accepting 9-B as written by the committee? We are accepting 9-B in its totality?

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Yes, at this point.

[Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Eighteen.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Eighteen for.

Those opposed? [Show of hands]

SECRETARY COOPER: Seven.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Seven against. The motion carries.

Abstentions? [Two abstentions]

SECRETARY COOPER: Two.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: Abstentions, two.

Nine-C, Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move the adoption of section 9-C with any amendments.

SEVERAL DELEGATES: Second.

CHAIRMAN BALDWIN: It has been moved and properly seconded that we adopt 9-C. Are you ready for the question?